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PRELIMINARY SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION TROJAN

REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

IN THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE AREA OF LAOS AND NORTHERN CAMBODIA:

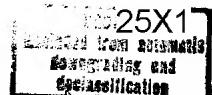
1. ROAD REPORTED IN REF A HAS BEEN EXTENDED GENERALLY EASTWARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 3.7 NM FROM 1438N 10724E (UTM YB592188) TO 1438N 10728E (UTM YB660205). CLEARING OPERATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THIS PORTION OF THE ROAD, HOWEVER CONDITION OF THE ROAD SURFACE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO SCALE OF PHOTOGRAPHY. NO FURTHER CLEARING OPERATIONS WERE OBSERVED. THE ROAD NOW ENDS APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIAN BORDER IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA.

2. ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS EXTEND FROM THE UNNUMBERED ROAD (REF A) AT 1442N 10718E (UTM YB485276) NORTHWEST TO 1444N 10715E (UTM YB427301); THEN WEST, GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE XE XOU (RIVER), TO 1443N 10657E (UTM YB103287). THE DISTANCE

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COVERED BY THE CLEARING OPERATIONS IS APPROXIMATELY 17.2 NM. ROAD
CLEARING OPERATIONS END APPROXIMATELY 8 NM SOUTHEAST OF ATTOPEU.
THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THIS ACTIVITY ON [REDACTED]

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3. ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN CAMBODIA EXTEND ALONG
THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE KONG (SE KONG IN LAOS) FROM ROUTE 15
AT 1426N 10624E (UTM XA519605); NORTH TO 1426N 10621E (UTM XA455963);
THEN EAST TO 1426N 10625E (UTM XA528975); AND THEN NORTH TO 1428N
10625E (UTM XB541001). THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF INTERMITTENT ROAD
CLEARING OPERATIONS ON [REDACTED] (REF B) ENDING AT 1426N 10623E
(UTM XA495978), IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE CONSTRUCTION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED, PASSING
SOUTH OF THE AIRFIELD, TO ITS PRESENT VISABLE TERMINUS AT 1428N
10625E (UTM XB541001). RECONDITIONING OF THE RUNWAY SURFACE AT
BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD HAS OCCURRED DURING THIS PERIOD AND APPEARS
TO BE NEARING COMPLETION.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L7012 SHEETS 6253I,
6253II, 6254II, 6354IV, 6355II, 6454I, 6455II, 6455III.

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES FROM USATC SERIES 200, SHEETS 0738-9HL,
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